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COMPLIANCE OF NORMS BY HYDRO POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether stipulated norms for environmental, seismic, geographical changes are being compiled with for hydro power projects under construction in the country particularly in Himachal Pradesh like Kol Dam and Parvati hydropower project keeping in view the destruction caused by the earthquake and the cruel Tsunami waves in the coastal areas in the country and the special geographical changes taking place in the environment internationally;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore and the action being taken by the Government for their cent percent compliance?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMONARAYAN MEENA)

(a) & (b) The monitoring carried out by the Ministry of Environment & Forests through its Regional Offices has not brought out any serious violations of the environmental clearance conditions by the Hydro Electric Projects under construction in the country. The latest monitoring reports furnished by the Regional offices of the Ministry reveals satisfactory compliance of the stipulated environmental clearance conditions in the case of Parbati Hydro Electric Project Stage-II and Kol Dams in Himachal Pradesh . However a report has been received from the Government of Himachal Pradesh in April 2005 about ecological damage caused due to the ongoing construction of Parbati Hydro Electric Project Stage-II.

(c) The State Government of Himachal Pradesh has already taken up the matter with the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd.(NHPC) for environmental restoration works at the Parbati Hydro Electric Project Stage −II site